

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
December 29, 2020  
7:00 pm Virtually via Zoom  
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
John Malcolm  
Chuck Weeden  
Ed Cleveland  
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers  
Frank Nelson  
Mike Wesko  
Ray Duquette, Sr.  
Beth Mosher Duquette  
Jessica Van Oort  
Jim Sheldon  
Jonas Rosenthal  
John Sabotka  
Deb Hawkins  
Ken Norman  
Emma Cotton  
Paul Tilander  
Darren Marcy – Manchester Journal

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions:
    - Mike Wesko – Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
  - b. Deletions:
    - None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

- Motion made to approve the minutes of December 15, 2020 with an addition made to the attendance list.
  - Mover: John Malcolm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
  - Mike Wesko – Followed up on several unanswered questions posed during the meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, including approved truck traffic as well as questions regarding employee timecard/activity logs. Requested that the Selectboard put together a cost analysis of maintaining Kelly Hill Rd following overweight vehicle travel, as well as a more thorough overview of activity logs, viewing a conditional use permit from 2008, and estimated cost of a culvert apt. for a portion of Kelly Hill Rd. in question. Further discussion ensued.
- 6. Announcements:
  - None.
- 7. Reports:
  - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
    - Jonas Rosenthal shared an update regarding an ongoing zoning issue, as well as a general update from the ZA's office. Also introduced an upcoming possible permit application regarding a public recreation area. Discussions continued regarding ongoing zoning items.
  - B. Planning Commission's Report:
    - PPC Chairwoman, Jessica Van Oort, reviewed a report from the Planning Commission.
      - The planning commission is working to resolve two matters that are currently in process but not completed—the transition from a 1-acre town to a 10-acre town, and the addition of the Enhanced Energy Plan to the Town Plan.
  - C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Road Foreman, Keith Mason, provided an update to the Board.
  - The Road Crew navigated the snowstorm, followed by a wind storm, which yielded unprecedented cleanup. The Board thanked the Road Crew for a job well done maintaining our Town's roadways during such extreme weather.
  - The Town is expected to take delivery of the new Dodge truck early in the New Year.

D. Assessor Report:

- None.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report from the Town Clerk's Office.
  - Ongoing efforts are being put into the preparation for Town Meeting, another election anticipated to take place amidst pandemic-related restrictions.
  - Town Office hours remain limited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed a memo and invoice list provided by Treasurer, Julie Mach.
- We have received the VT LEGR Covid grant in the amount of \$1,872.76. Thanks to Bob Morlino for helping with this.
- Motion made to approve the warrants.
  - Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved.
- REMINDER from the Treasurer's Office: "Due to increases in COVID-19 cases in VT and across the USA we are requiring that tax payments be mailed or dropped off at the Town Hall in the secure drop box. I will mail back any receipts so it is important to be aware that there may be some extra postage

costs coming up. If people need to pay in cash, they MUST schedule an appointment 24 hours ahead of time.”

- G. Emergency Management Director’s Report:
    - No report at this meeting.
  - H. Health Officer’s Report:
    - No report at this meeting.
  - I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
    - The Board reviewed and updated from Jill Marsano of VTUMS. All is well at the WWTF, and the facility is running smoothly.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Mr. Weeden touched upon the property acquired by the Town on Rte. 153. The Town is working to follow the appropriate steps towards eviction of current residents.
  - Radar controlled speed signs – discussions ensued regarding the impending purchase, with no decisions made.
  - Discussion ensued regarding property assessments on Briar Hill Road.
9. New Business:
- The Selectboard acknowledged an email received regarding ATV travel on town-approved roadways connecting the state trailway system. Several ideas were considered; however, need further consideration. Discussion to be continued.
10. Public Comment:
- Frank Nelson inquired about the possibility of the Town purchasing an IR camera for public use, in an effort to help enhance energy efforts. Mr. Nelson to further investigate this purchase.
  - Jim Sheldon spoke to the Board regarding the potential of holding a public snow cross race later this winter to benefit the Fire Departments. The Board would like to seek additional information from the town and state level before making any decisions.
11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:20pm
- Mover: Ed Cleveland
  - Second: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Ed Cleveland - in favor. Approved (Unanimous)